

The separation law means practically the loss of France to the Catholic Church.

Priests Defy Paris Police And New Act

Government Agents Look on While Masses Are Sung and Take Clergy's Names.

The Law and the Church

All the church property in France is now in the hands of the French government.

According to the law, there is still one more year in which to transfer it to the public worship associations. But the church has not the slightest control over it from now on.

The state may sell, rent, or destroy every cathedral or church edifice in the land, with the Vatican powerless to raise a finger.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Since 6 this morning masses have been held in all French Catholic churches at frequent intervals. Except for evident strain and expectancy there was nothing beyond the usual crowds to indicate the crisis.

Fears that free-thinkers would enter the churches to create disturbances and so hasten government action, were dispelled by stringent police orders to arrest any disturber whether he be a supporter of the government or the church.

In the Church of the Madeleine a boy of sixteen kept on his hat and was promptly arrested.

At all churches government agents were present in plain clothes to get the names of the officiating priests.

Later sixty-nine priests were summoned to the prefecture of police to answer a charge of saying mass without legal authorization.

Churches Authorized.

This morning two laymen made the necessary legal application for the continuation of worship in the parish church of St. Thomas. In Toulouse such applications were made for all the churches which thus became "authorized" and legally entitled to be used for religious purposes. It is probable that the Vatican will disavow the acts of these laymen, but the government proclaims the Vatican a "foreign power," and will pay no attention to its edicts.

Today a large staff of clerics are reading and compiling the 30,000 letters and papers captured at the papal nunciature. Many of those who will be published in an effort to show that high churchmen were in a conspiracy against the republic. Both sides are doing everything they can think of to win public opinion.

Both Sides Campaigning.

"Persecution" and "confession" are the words most used by the Catholic party. "Patriotism" and "no outside interference in the affairs of Frenchmen" are the slogans of the anti-clerical party.

In hundreds of communes outside of Paris parish priests were summoned for having said mass today without legal authorization.

In Bordeaux laymen at the last moment sought and obtained the government's authorization. Whether or not any priests have been summoned to appear and so defied the Vatican's orders is not known. The Catholics in Bordeaux should have submitted to the law makes a serious breach in the church's power.

Many now centers on how far the government will proceed against recalcitrant priests.

HELP CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER HOUSES

The treasurer of the committee on the improvement of housing conditions, Alan O. Clephane, acknowledges with thanks the following contributions recently made to the campaign which it is conducting:

J. J. Gilbert, \$5; cash, \$25; Howard S. Nymann, \$3; Rufus H. Thayer, \$10; W. F. Hallam, \$2.50; Alton Cushman, \$10; Mrs. Jessie T. Cunningham, \$5; M. G. Lloyd, \$5; George A. King, \$30.

Total receipts to date amount to \$438. This is one-fourth of the carefully estimated budget of \$1,720. The committee lacks \$1,282.

The committee, of which S. W. Woodward is chairman; Col. George Truesdell and Dr. George M. Kober, vice chairmen, and Alan O. Clephane, treasurer, is conducting a campaign against Washington's 200,000 tenement houses by their population of 12,000, against the insanitary conditions and low standards of life. The appeal is made for the permanent improvement of such unwholesome conditions.

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French Catholics Rebel Under New Separation Act



Cardinals Gibbons, of Baltimore, and Richard, of France.

GUESSING GAME FOR NOMINATION

Republicans All at Sea About 1908 Ticket, With Roosevelt Out.

PLENTY OF DARK HORSES

Fairbanks, Foraker, Hughes, and La Follette Have Lightning Rods Up.

Forecasters who busy themselves with the consideration of who will be the next Republican nominee for the Presidency are completely in the air. They are utterly at a loss where to turn to pick up the man who will succeed Theodore Roosevelt in the White House, barring the possibility that William Jennings Bryan will be the nominee of the Democratic party and that he will be able to poll enough votes to swing the election.

Secretary Taft's attitude is what is setting all the prophets at sea. Coming late in the year, he has been months about Secretary Taft as the heir apparent, the man upon whom President Roosevelt wanted the Chief Executive's mantle to fall when he himself left the White House. When Secretary Taft refused to go on the Supreme Court bench everyone took it for granted he had concluded to become a Presidential candidate. Later, however, it has come out through sources so close to Secretary Taft that they must be considered reliable, that he has determined not to be a candidate in any sense and will in no way seek the nomination in 1908. The Secretary has come to the conclusion he will waste no time entering into a race for the Presidency, that he can carry out the reforms and plans he has in mind for the Philippines better where he is, and that the office of President is an extremely burdensome and troublesome one at the best. He has been so much in the public eye himself and has sat on the sidelines so often that he has a pretty clear idea of the demands on the Chief Executive.

Foraker Rod Up.

That Secretary Taft is looked on as actually out of the field is indicated by expressions from Ohio politicians, who say they are taking Taft at his word and trying to send a delegation to the Presidential convention in 1908. Foraker's activity in behalf of the discharged companies of the Twenty-fifth Regiment is generally looked on as an indication he has deemed it wise to keep himself exposed to Presidential lightning. With Taft out of the field, there remain Fairbanks, Root, Shaw, and Cannon as figures usually referred to as the most prominent of the aspirants for the 1908 nomination. Vice President Fairbanks is working hard to organize his support, and is said to be meeting with much success in a quiet way. Secretary Shaw is still listening to the buzzing of the Presidential bee, but he became discouraged months ago over the prospects of securing the nomination. Fairbanks is keeping his eye on the Presidency, and in the opinion of many politicians, he is the most formidable possibility that has yet been mentioned for the 1908 nomination. Secretary Root has strength in the East, but the West has always been chary of supporting him because of his record as counsel for a number of the great corporations of the country. There is always, of course, the possibility of Roosevelt for a third term.

Hughes a Dark Horse.

There remain, aside from those already mentioned, the men who are possible entries in the race as dark horses. One of these is Governor-elect Hughes of New York. Should Mr. Hughes be elected, he would be a powerful factor in the 1908 Presidential campaign. Another man who is attracting notice is Senator La Follette of Wisconsin. Senator La Follette is confronted with the prospect of being hazed unmercifully by the Senate this winter because he has been assailing the records of certain members of the Senate from the lecture platform. Yet word reaches Washington from reliable sources that he has great strength in a number of Western States where he had spoken. Governor Cummins of Iowa, is another man who may yet have to be considered as a factor in the 1908 campaign. Senator Knox of Pennsylvania is another.

Altogether, leaving out of consideration the prospect of forcing a third-term nomination on Mr. Roosevelt, there was never more uncertainty over the 1908 Republican nomination than at the present time. Between now and a year from now, when the national committee will meet, there will be a great deal of jockeying for position in the White House race.

CAUGHT ON TRACK, BOY BADLY INJURED

Gates Held Him Prisoner in Front of Locomotive.

Locked in by the closing of the gates

after he had driven his horse on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at the Benning crossing last night, Emiel Hamilton, seventeen years old, of 708 F street southeast, was seriously injured when a freight locomotive struck the animal. No bones were broken, but the young man received internal injuries from which he may not recover.

The horse and wagon were owned by the boy's uncle, Robert Hamilton, living on the Bowen road, Maryland. Emiel was returning to his uncle's place when he met with the accident. There are several tracks at Benning, and when he reached the crossing young Hamilton did not notice a freight train on one of the further tracks.

Hardly had he driven on the tracks when the gates closed down, making him a prisoner on the tracks. The engine had struck the horse, before he realized the danger, and had thrown the boy out of the vehicle. The train did not strike him.

The horse was so badly injured that it was necessary to shoot the animal, and the carriage was demolished. Hamilton was removed to the office of Dr. J. D. Walker, and this morning was taken to his home. His condition is such that Dr. Walker said he could make no statement about his chances for recovery.

DRUGGIST RECEIVES SILVER LOVING CUP

W. G. Duckett, who has just retired from the local drug business, after having been identified with the profession for more than forty-two years, last night gave a reception to the druggists of Washington and members of the Woman's Organization of the District of Columbia Retail Druggists' Association in his home, Twenty-second street and Pennsylvania avenue. Mr. Duckett was presented with a handsome silver loving cup by his former associates. Augustus C. Taylor, president of the Retail Druggists' Association of the District, made the presentation speech. One of the interesting features of the evening's program was a paper on "Pure Food and Drug Law," by Dr. Keblor, of the Department of Agriculture.

PRESIDENT DECLINES INVITATION OF SONS

President Roosevelt received a visit this morning from a delegation representing the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, who want him to attend the annual banquet given in honor of their patron saint in Philadelphia, as well as the dedication exercises at the statue of Commodore John Barry, "the father of the American navy," which is to take place on the same day as the feast. The President said that he would be very glad, indeed, to make the journey to Philadelphia, but would be unable to do so on account of the press of public business. Admirals Melville and Walker, retired, of the navy, led the delegation to the White House.

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BURNHAM'S SAFE SAYS GOV. McLANE

New Hampshire Executive Says Senator Will Be Re-elected.

Gov. John McLane, of New Hampshire, is in Washington, accompanied by Robert F. Bass, of that State, and George H. Moore, of the White Mountain resort. Their mission here concerns the bill for the creation of a forest reserve in the White Mountains, formerly a separate bill but now part of the general measure for the establishment of an Appalachian mountain reserve.

Governor McLane conferred with Senator Gallinger yesterday, and visited the Senate chamber in company with him. The New Hampshire visitors saw a number of members of Senate and House in the interest of the proposed legislation.

Governor McLane discussed the New Hampshire political situation and expressed the belief Senator Burnham would be re-elected despite the fact two candidates are announced against him.

AMERICANS LOSE TO FOREIGNERS THEIR BIG WAGES

PANAMA, Dec. 13.—President Roosevelt has instructed the Canal Commission that under no circumstances are American citizens to be required to work more than eight hours in the zone.

The law went into effect here December 1 and it is providing anything but satisfactory to men who work by the hour. Formerly bolshermakers, machinists, and blacksmiths employed at 42 cents an hour, worked a whole extra time at double pay, or pay and a half, to bring their monthly wages up to from \$25 to \$30. Now the most they can earn is \$15, with the possible exception of an addition of pay for twelve hours, allowed in cases of emergency for one Sunday each month.

This, however, applies only to Americans. Mechanics of any other nationality are getting all the overtime, as the law does not apply to them. They are drawing the big wages that used to fall to the Americans exclusively.

KING OF SWEDEN CRITICALLY ILL

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Central News from Stockholm says that King Oscar II of Sweden is critically ill with heart trouble.

King Oscar II was born January 21, 1829, and ascended the throne of Sweden September 18, 1872.

MANAGER OF "FLORODORA" GOES INTO BANKRUPTCY

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—After having made \$5,000 out of "Florodora," Thomas Tyler, the theatrical manager, is broke. He filed a petition in bankruptcy, in which his assets were noted as only \$10,000, and his liabilities \$30,000 more.

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The 50 cent size packages are for sale at all druggists.

LIPSCOMB PLEDGES SUPPORT TO YOUNG MAN HE INJURED

Tells on Stand His Version of the Boyle Shooting.

Mounted Policeman J. B. Lipscomb, of the Seventh precinct, charged with shooting Daniel Boyle on July 29, made his statement in a wavering voice to the police trial board yesterday afternoon.

After several witnesses testified as to the treatment accorded Boyle while a prisoner at Thirty-sixth street and Prospect avenue after the shooting, Lipscomb was called to the stand by his counsel, Campbell Carrington. The other witnesses were Policemen Robert Clark, William H. Hughes, Edward J. Every, and Charles Harrington.

Story of Policeman Lipscomb.

Lipscomb's story in part was as follows: "Complaints had been received about lawlessness and disorder on the Conduit road on Sundays. I was detailed at the point of vantage to arrest all such law-breakers. On July 29 I heard a party coming along the road and afterward saw the carriage with three persons in it. Boyle was one of the party. His

hat fell off because of the hilarity in the vehicle. When he got out to pick up the hat I told him I wanted him for fast driving. He started running when he saw me advancing toward him, and shouted to the boys in the buggy to go ahead of me. I shouted to him to stop, and he obeyed me. Just at the moment I shouted to him I took my revolver from my pocket because it was about to drop out. I thought Boyle might look back and be frightened if he saw the weapon. The moment I took the revolver out and had it in my right hand I tripped on some briars and fell to the ground.

Weapon Accidentally Discharged.

"In struggling to get up I discharged the weapon accidentally. I don't know whether the concussion caused the trigger to discharge the cartridge or my finger accidentally touched the trigger. The shooting was entirely accidental, and I was sorry for it. I told this young man that I was sorry if I shot him, and took him to the hospital. This shooting occurred just as I have told it. I did not take deliberate aim at this young man, but the pistol went off entirely without any intention on my part."

The case was declared closed after several witnesses testified in rebuttal. Timothy Boyle, father of the wounded lad, said he intended taking the case to the criminal courts as soon as trial board's verdict was announced.

SIMPLIFIED SPELLING HIT HARD BY TWO MEASURES

Opinion Prevails in Congress That Hard Blow to Idea Will Cause President to Retire From His Position on Reform.

Simplified spelling as advocated by President Roosevelt was struck in the back by the provision in the legislative appropriation bill passed by the House yesterday afternoon in committee of the whole. Under the provision, "thru" might languish along until July 1 of next year, when the bill takes effect, but there is a disposition on the part of both House and Senate, to put it out of its misery right away. For that reason, Representative Landis, chairman of the Committee on Printing, will offer a joint resolution, which he says has the approval of the Senate Committee on Printing, and which will serve as an immediate order on the Public Printer to stop setting type in the Roosevelt way.

The opinion generally prevails that if Congress strikes the simplified spelling idea hard the President will eventually

retire from his orthographic position. Rather than go counter to the wishes of Congress in spelling reform, he will probably drop the matter, at least until some sentiment of the legislators undergoes a change.

GRANTS GOVERNMENT TO THE TRANSVAAL

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The government has decided to grant to the Transvaal, its declared "full confidence that the Transvaal will prosper and contentment of the Transvaal and its people will be permanently secured."

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(Rubber lined throughout.) Fancy Cretone, \$1.00, \$1.50. Silk, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Jewel Bags, chamois, silk and linen, 25c to \$1.00. Wash-rag cases, 25c, 50c, and 75c.

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SKATERS' CHAMPION MAKES STRONG PLEA

Defending roller skating as the most healthful and harmless sport within the reach of youthful indulgence, Mrs. Lena C. Gardner, of 245 Tenth street northwest, today voiced a vigorous protest against the decision of the District Commissioners to enforce a police regulation prohibiting roller skating on the sidewalks of the city.

Mrs. Gardner expresses the opinion that not only do all qualified authorities agree as to the benefits of skating, but in addition that the thousands of children in the District should not be made to suffer from the shortcomings of a few exuberant skaters who have caused annoyance to pedestrians.

STOCK TRANSFER CASE IN THE HIGHEST COURT

Attorney General Mayer, of New York, who is here arguing the stock transfer tax case before the Supreme Court, was escorted to the White House this morning by Representative Parsons. If Mr. Mayer wins the case, it will mean about \$7,000,000 additional income a year for the State of New York. "As the expenses of the State are about \$28,000,000," said Mr. Parsons, "it would help considerably if the attorney general wins the suit. New York is now collecting about \$2,000,000 from the inheritance tax, so if it comes out all right on the stock transfer, it will mean that 40 per cent of the expenses of the State will be provided for."

FOREIGN PACKAGES IN DEAD LETTER SALE

The articles of merchandise embraced in the \$253 catalogue items of the sale to be held by the division of Dead Letters at the auction rooms of Marcus Notes, 428 Ninth street northwest, beginning 10 a. m. Monday, December 17, 1906, include the valuable contents of 30,000 parcels originally directed to foreign countries for delivery and held as unclaimable, 36,000 pieces of unclaimed domestic mail matter, and 2,600 articles found loose, or without wrappers, in the mail.

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